

### **Amendment to Claims**

This listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this Application.

#### **Listing of Claims**

Claims 1 to 20: CANCELLED

Claim 21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A workpiece surface-gripping device joinable adjacent the outer end of an elongate, ~~ribbon-like~~ and generally planar linear measuring tape comprising

a gripper body having a generally planar body expanse in the form of a closed plane with perimeter structure which generally circumsurround said body expanse, said perimeter structure being formed with a row of plural, spaced, perimeter-distributed, workpiece surface-gripping projecting teeth adapted to contact and grip the far surface of a workpiece having a dimension which is being measured relative to that surface, and

mounting structure joined to said body expanse, and accommodating mounting of the device on such a tape at a location adjacent the tape's outer end, and in such a manner that different workpiece surface-gripping teeth that are present in said row in said perimeter structure are operatively located on, and in spaced relation to, opposite sides of the tape's nominal plane, and with said teeth generally extending toward the tape.

Claim 22: CANCELLED